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**DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
JEFFREY M. LANG TO RETIRE**

Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky announced today that the Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, Jeffrey M. Lang, will retire from government service on March 14, 1998.

“Jeff Lang has built an extraordinary record of accomplishment at USTR and everywhere he has worked in government service,” said United States Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky. “His numerous achievements reflect both his knowledge of the global trading system and his substantial diplomatic skills. I will miss Jeff as a friend, colleague, and trusted adviser.”

Ambassador Lang was confirmed in his current position on May 17, 1995. During his more than 20 years of government service he served in such roles as Deputy General Counsel of the U.S. International Trade Commission, and Chief International Trade Counsel of the Senate Finance Committee, as well as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative. At the Office of the Trade Representative, he headed interagency delegations to World Trade Organization negotiations on telecommunications services and financial services, both of which concluded successfully in 1997. He also contributed substantially to the Clinton Administration’s initiative on Africa trade and negotiated important agreements with the European Union and Russia, among others.

Ambassador Lang announced he will not make plans for his future until after he leaves government service.